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MEETING OF MONDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2004 AT 2:00 PM

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET

18th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 2

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting of December 06, 2004

III. MPO COMMITTEES UPDATE

- A. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)
- B. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
- C. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)
 - 1. Resolution
- D. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO ADD FUNDING TO THE I-95 HOV LANE OPERATIONAL MODIFICATION MARKETING CAMPAIGN (*FLORIDA D.O.T*)

B. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD FUNDING TO THE FEC CORRIDOR TRANSIT ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS STUDY (*FLORIDA D.O.T*)

C. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 4 (*PWD*)

D. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 5 (*PWD*)

E. SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM (*MPO/FDOT*)

F. UPWP FIRST QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2005 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK
PROGRAM (UPWP) SECOND QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT FOR
SUBMISSION TO THE FUNDING AGENCIES (*MPO SECRETARIAT*)

V. INFORMATION ITEM

**A. DEVELOPMENT OF A SERVICE PLAN FOR WATERBORNE TRANSIT IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

**PLEASE SUBMIT AGENDA ITEMS TO THE TPC SECRETARIAT BEFORE MONDAY
JANUARY 24, 2005. ITEMS THAT FAIL TO MEET THIS DEADLINE WILL BE
CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH AGENDA.**

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL (TPC)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**

**MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2005
2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 18-2**

SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Jose Luis Mesa, TPC Chairperson.
The following members were present at the beginning of the meeting:

1. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation, District VI
2. Javier Rodriguez, Florida Department of Transportation, District VI
3. Lilia Medina, City of Miami
4. Jorge Hernandez, City of Hialeah
5. Bruce Offord, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
6. Aristides Rivera, Miami-Dade Public Works Department
7. Servando Parapar, Miami Dade Expressway Authority (MDX)
8. Jeff Geimer, City of North Miami
9. Vivian Villaamil, Miami-Dade Public Schools
10. Doug Yoder, Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM)
11. Gary Brown, Dade League of Cities
12. Jonathan Roberson, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
13. Bhairvi Pandya, City of Miami Gardens
14. George Navarrete, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)
15. Fred Beckman, City of Miami Beach

The sign-in sheets listing staff and other visitors present at the meeting are available on file at the MPO Secretariat. A recorded tape of the meeting is also available at the MPO Secretariat.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. San Roman requested that the SW 137th Avenue Corridor Study be added to the agenda as Information Item V.C.

Mr. Navarrete moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Hernandez seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Donn moved for the approval of the minutes for December 6, 2004 meeting. Mr. Navarrete seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. MPO COMMITTEES UPDATE

A. CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair, provided the Council with a brief update on CTAC's recent activities. He stated that CTAC subcommittees held their meeting at

North Shore Youth Center in North Miami Beach. He further stated that Mr. Michael Colucci, FDOT District VI, provided CTAC with an update on the NW 79th Street project. He concluded by stating that CTAC is scheduled to receive a presentation on the proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment for the I-95 HOV Lane Operational Modification Marketing Public Information Campaign.

B. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No report given on this item.

C. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

Ms. Winsome Bowen, TARC Chair, provided the Council with a brief update on TARC's activities. She also presented TARC's resolution 11-04. (*A copy of this resolution is available at the MPO Secretariat*). She stated that TARC is requesting that transportation agencies consider implementing aesthetics and urban design in major transportation projects in Miami-Dade County. She concluded by stating that TARC recommends that agencies create an Urban Design and Aesthetics manual similar to that of Miami Dade Expressway Authority.

Mr. Navarrete stated that Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) has a design criteria document which is currently being updated. He further stated that the agency does not have a problem with incorporating the recommendations from TARC.

Mr. Donn stated that the contracts and designs for the Florida Department of Transportation District VI are based on state policy. He further stated that FDOT District VI could review the request from TARC but any changes would have to obtain approval from FDOT Central Office. He further concluded that FDOT District VI would have to develop a manual using a statewide perspective.

Mr. Roberson suggested that the recommended design language for the manual is flexible enough that would allow agencies to meet the requests from the impacted community.

Mr. Parapar suggested that TARC remove their resolution from the MPO Agenda until they have been able to survey the agencies to determine their policy on incorporating aesthetics and urban design in transportation projects.

Mr. Navarrete stated that the agencies should buy into the notion that aesthetics and urban design are important. He concluded by stating that the implementation of the concept should be left up to the individual agency.

Ms. Bowen responded that the intent of the TARC's resolution is for agencies to support the concept of incorporating aesthetics and urban design in transportation projects.

D. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

Mr. Mesa informed the Council that the attendance level of FTAC is still too low to conduct an official meeting.

Mr. Parapar suggested that the MPO staff contact the office of Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) District 6 to obtain leads on the different trucking agencies.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

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RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO ADD FUNDING TO THE I-95 HOV LANE OPERATIONAL MODIFICATION MARKETING PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN (FDOT)

Mr. Yoder stated that the most effective advertisement would be to use temporary signage in the I-95 High Occupancy Vehicle Lane (I-95 HOV Lane).

Mr. Yoder moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Parapar seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

B. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT APPROVING THE FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD FUNDING TO THE FLORIDA EAST COAST (FEC) CORRIDOR TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS (MPO SECRETARIAT)

Mr. Mesa requested that the project manager for the FEC Corridor Transit Alternative Analysis study be scheduled to provide the Council with an update on the study once the contract has been approved and the study has begun.

Mr. Donn moved for approval of the resolution. Ms. Medina seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

C. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 4 (PWD)

Mr. Hernandez moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Navarrete seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

D. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

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Mr. Navarrete moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Yoder seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Mr. Parapar expressed concern with the impact the State Road 836 Extension would have on SW 137th Avenue corridor. He further stated that the Miami-Dade Public School Bus Depot will also be heavily impacted by the project. He concluded by stating that the roads need to be widened to accommodate the new extension.

Mr. Mesa requested that the Transportation Planning Technical Advisory Committee (TPTAC) at its next scheduled meeting take a closer look at the issues surrounding SW 137th Avenue.

Mr. Hernandez suggested that the MDX consider using a tolling mechanism that could help manage the traffic levels for the expressway.

E. SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM (MPO SECRETARIAT/FDOT)

Mr. Yoder moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Roberson seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

F. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO SECRETARIAT)

Mr. Hernandez stated that the City of Hialeah is interested in participating in the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Mr. Rodriguez stated that the participants of the MOU include agencies and cities that currently control or operate an Intelligent Transportation System. He further stated that although the City of Hialeah has several ITS facilities within its limits, the City does not operate any of them. He then concluded that Mr. Jesus Martinez, FDOT ITS Project Manager should be contacted for more information on how to become a part of the proposed Coalition.

Ms. Medina moved for approval of the resolution. Mr. Beckman seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. DEVELOPMENT OF A SERVICE PLAN FOR WATERBORNE TRANSIT SERVICES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY: FINAL REPORT

Mr. Frank Baron, MPO Project Manager introduced Mr. Greg Kyle and Mr. Stewart Robertson of Kimely Horn and Associates who provided the Council with a brief PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Mesa requested that the projected capital and operating costs for the Waterborne Transit Services be provided to the Council for review at its next meeting

Mr. Donn asked if the right-of-way amounts were included in the projected capital costs. Mr. Stewart responded that the right-of-way costs for some of the identified stops in the study were included in the capital costs. He further stated that the majority of the stops identified in the study were public donorship property.

Mr. Geimer expressed concern with the projected ridership numbers. He further expressed concern with the speed limit and its potential impact on the manatees. He concluded by requesting clarity on how the projected speed limit will be maintain through the heavily populated manatee channels. Mr. Stewart responded that the proper certification from manatee protection agencies must be obtained in order to maintain the projected 22 miles per hour speed limit.

Mr. Garcia stated that the MDT has expressed concern in the past with the proposed service. He further stated that this type of service will have an impact on the current bus schedule. He then stated that more units would be needed to maintain the schedule, in addition to rerouting buses to the identified stops in the service. He concluded by stating these changes would increase the capital cost for MDT.

B. MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM NEW GUIDELINES

Mr. Mesa stated that this item was placed on the agenda for information only.

C. SW 137TH AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

Mr. Napoleon Somoza provided the Council with a brief presentation on the SW 137th Avenue Corridor Study. *(A copy of the distributed study is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 4:00 PM